

1 ***Council Work Session/Regular Meeting***
2 ***Minutes***
3 ***February 5, 2007***
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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:30pm*
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8 Mayor Laurence Cherchi called the meeting to order.
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10 Mayor Laurence Cherchi asked everyone to stand while Councilman President Heveran
11 led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 ***Council Present:*** *Mayor Laurence Cherchi, Councilpersons Heveran, Choi,*
14 *Hawkins, Raspa-Gore, Raucci, Puzzo*
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16 ***Council Absent:*** *None*
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18 ***Also Present:*** *Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk, Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney,*
19 *Jack Terhune, Borough Administrator*
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21 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**
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23 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
24 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
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26 Mayor Cherchi pointed out the Fire Exit.
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28 **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER**

29 Mayor Cherchi swore in Sihoon Chung
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31 Councilman Raucci awarded David Stein a letter of Commendation for the work he did in
32 finding the perpetrators of the recent rash of graffiti.
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34 **APPOINTMENTS**
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36 Council Liaison Board of Health – Councilman Puzzo

37 Council Liaison Social Services – Councilman Raucci

38 Council Liaison Website Committee – Councilman Hawkins

39 Board of Adjustment - a motion was made by Councilman Hawkins, seconded by

40 Councilman to appoint Mr. Pettie to the Board of Adjustment as Alternate II Vincent
41 Pettie.
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47 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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49 Vivian DeMarco – Brought to the attention of the Governing Body that the sidewalk in
50 front of 169 Broad Avenue has dangerous sidewalks because of tree roots. Mrs. DeMarco
51 wanted it noted that she fell there on December 14, 2006.

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53 Robert Pacicco, 530 Grandview Terrace – Thanked the Governing Body for appointing a
54 Korean/American Officer.

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56 **RESOLUTIONS**

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58 Council President Heveran, seconded by Councilman Raucci made a motion to approve
59 Resolutions 07-42 through 07-44 and 07-46 through 07-49. Roll call vote;
60 Councilpersons Heveran, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore and Raucci voted yes.
61 Resolutions approved.

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63 Resolution 07-45 Council President Heveran made a motion to approve Resolution 07-
64 45, seconded by Councilman Puzzo.

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66 **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

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68 Introduction of Ordinance 02-07 entitled:

69 **AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE POSITIONS OF MUNICIPAL**
70 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR, DEPUTY MUNICIPAL**
71 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND SECOND DEPUTY**
72 **MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR.**

73 The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

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75 A motion was made by Council President Heveran seconded by
76 Councilperson Hawkins to approve first reading, Bond Ordinance 02-07.

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78 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Heveran, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci,
79 voted yes. Ordinance introduced.

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81 **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

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83 Adoption of Ordinance 01-07 entitled:

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85 **AMENDING CHAPTER 290 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA**
86 **ENTITLED “ZONING”**

87 The Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

88 No one from the public spoke regarding ordinance

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90 A motion was made by Councilman Raucci seconded by
91 Councilperson Puzzo to approve final reading, Bond Ordinance 02-07.

93 **ROLL CALL** Councilperson, Heveran, Choi, Hawkins, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci,
94 voted yes. Ordinance adopted.

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96 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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98 a) 2007 Municipal Budget - Council President Heveran gave an update on the
99 progress of the 2007 Municipal Budget
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101 b) Taxpayers Letter - Mayor Cherchi requested that the Borough Administrator
102 respond to the letter regarding fuel consumption.
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104 c) DOT Projects – Mayor Cherchi referred to a letter from the DOT regarding
105 various projects. Mayor Cherchi asked Mr. Terhune to review the projects and
106 see if he could close out any of the projects so the Borough could receive
107 funds for those that are completed.
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109 **NEW BUSINESS**

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111 a) February 14th and 21st 2007 Council Meeting Dates-Councilman Raucci
112 explained why he put this on the agenda. After a discussion by the Governing
113 Body the meeting of February 14th will be changed to February 12th.
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115 b) Draft Resolution Endorsing Assembly Bill 106 Mayor Cherchi explained why
116 he put this on the agenda. Mayor Cherchi asked if any member of the Council
117 was interested in moving the resolution. No one from the Council moved the
118 resolution.
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120 c) Future Discussion of Pending Report from the Board of Adjustment – Mayor
121 Cherchi would like to have a meeting with all the Land Use Boards to discuss
122 the report after it is received from Mr. Alampi.
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124 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

125 No one spoke.

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127 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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129 **CLOSED SESSION (RESOLUTION E)**

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131 A motion to go into closed was made by Council President Heveran, seconded by
132 Councilman Raucci. All in favor none opposed.
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134 Council President Heveran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Puzzo
135 All in favor; none opposed.
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137 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned
138 at 9:35pm

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140 Respectfully submitted,
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144 Fran Lehmann
145 Borough Clerk